

**Claims**

What is claimed is:

1. A method for tracking usage information for equipment, the method comprising:
  - (a) electronically soliciting from a client personal usage information and business usage information for the equipment for one or more specified periods;
  - (b) electronically receiving and storing in a server the personal usage information and business usage information for the equipment for the one or more specified periods;
  - (c) compiling total usage information for the one or more specified periods; and
  - (d) generating a report for a reporting period by using the information received for the one or more specified periods, wherein the report provides details on total personal usage information and total business usage information for the reporting period.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
  - (a) providing a field for entering an identification number; and
  - (b) providing a field for entering a group number.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of electronically receiving the usage information from the client for the one or more specified periods further comprises electronically receiving the information over the Internet.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of electronically receiving the usage information from the client for the specified period further comprises electronically receiving the information through a telephone interactive voice response system.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the personal usage information and the business usage information relates to hours of use.

1           6.       The method of claim 1, wherein the usage information relates to usage information  
for leased vehicles.

6           7.       The method of claim 6, wherein the act of electronically receiving the usage  
information from the client for the specified period further comprises providing separate fields for  
entering at least one member of a group comprising a current total distance driven, a business  
distance driven, a personal distance driven, and a client personal credit.

11          8.       The method of claim 7, wherein the act of electronically receiving the usage  
information from the client for the specified period further comprises electronically receiving from  
the client at least one member of the group comprising the current total distance driven, the business  
distance driven, the personal distance driven, and the client personal credit.

16          9.       The method of claim 8, wherein the act of generating a report further includes  
tabulating the current total distance driven, the total business distance driven, the personal distance  
driven, and the personal credit for the specified period.

21          10.      The method of claim 9, wherein the act of reporting the processed information for  
the specified period further comprises reporting the usage information to the client upon demand.

26          11.      The method of claim 9, wherein the act of reporting the processed information for  
the specified period further comprises reporting the usage information to the client at regular  
business intervals.

26          12.      A method for tracking usage information for an automobile, the method comprising:  
            (a)      electronically soliciting from a client personal usage information and business  
                    usage information for the automobile for one or more specified periods;  
            (b)      electronically receiving and storing in a server the personal usage  
                    information and business usage information for the automobile for the one or  
                    more specified periods;

- 1 (c) compiling total usage information for the one or more specified periods; and
- (d) generating a report for a reporting period by using the information received for the one or more specified periods, wherein the report provides details on total personal usage information and total business usage information for the reporting period.

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13. The method of claim 12, wherein the act of electronically receiving the usage information from the client for the specified period further comprises providing separate fields for entering at least one member of a group comprising a current total distance driven, a business distance driven, a personal distance driven, and a client personal credit.

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14. The method of claim 13, wherein the act of electronically receiving the usage information from the client for the specified period further comprises electronically receiving from the client at least one member of the group comprising the current total distance driven, the business distance driven, the personal distance driven, and the client personal credit.

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15. The method of claim 14, wherein the act of generating a report further includes tabulating the current total distance driven, the total business distance driven, the personal distance driven, and the personal credit for the specified period.

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16. The method of claim 15, wherein the act of reporting the processed information for the specified period further comprises reporting the usage information to the client upon demand.

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17. The method of claim 15, wherein the act of reporting the processed information for the specified period further comprises reporting the usage information to the client at regular business intervals.

18. A method for tracking usage information for equipment using a server, a communication pathway, a user interface device, and a client database, the server including at least one software program, the method comprising:

- 1 (a) electronically soliciting from a client personal usage information and business  
usage information for the equipment for one or more specified periods;
- (b) electronically receiving and storing in the client database the personal usage  
information and business usage information for the equipment for the one or  
more specified periods;
- 6 (c) compiling total usage information for the one or more specified periods; and
- (d) generating a report for a reporting period by using the personal usage and  
business usage information received for the one or more specified periods,  
wherein the report provides details on total personal usage information and  
total business usage information.

11 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the act of electronically receiving the usage  
information from the client for the one or more specified periods further comprises electronically  
receiving the information over the Internet.

16 20. The method of claim 18, wherein the act of electronically receiving the usage  
information from the client for the specified period further comprises electronically receiving the  
information through a telephone interactive voice response system.

21 21. The method of claim 18, wherein the personal usage information and the business  
usage information relates to hours of use.

22. The method of claim 18, wherein the usage information relates to usage information  
for leased vehicles.

26 23. The method of claim 22, wherein the act of electronically receiving the personal and  
business usage information from the client for the specified period further comprises providing  
separate fields for entering at least one member of the group comprising a current total distance  
driven, a business distance driven, a personal distance driven, and a client personal credit.

1           24.     The method of claim 23, wherein the act of electronically receiving the usage  
information from the client for the specified period further comprises electronically receiving from  
the client at least one member of the group comprising the current total distance driven, the business  
distance driven, the personal distance driven, and the client personal credit.

6           25.     A system for tracking usage information for equipment, the system comprising:  
          (a)     a user interface device;  
          (b)     a server adapted to electronically receive from the user interface device,  
                  process, and retrieve usage information;  
          (c)     at least one software program resident in the server, the at least one  
11               software program executed by a processor to process requests and  
                  responses from the user interface device;  
          (d)     a client database for storage of the usage information; and  
          (e)     a communication pathway electronically linking the system server to the user  
                  interface device.

16           26.     The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one software program is executed by a  
processor to send information to a client.

21           27.     The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one software program is executed by a  
processor to compile and store information.

          28.     The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one software program is executed by a  
processor to generate reports.

26           29.     The system of claim 25, wherein the usage information relates to hours of use.

          30.     The system of claim 25, wherein the usage information relates to usage information  
for leased vehicles.

1           31.     The system of claim 30, wherein the usage information comprises at least one  
member of the group comprising a current total distance driven, a business distance driven, a  
personal distance driven, and a client personal credit.

          32.     A system for tracking usage information for an automobile, the system comprising:

- 6           (a)     a user interface device;
- (b)     a server adapted to electronically receive from the user interface device,  
process, and retrieve usage information relating to the automobile;
- 11          (c)     at least one software program resident in the server, the at least one  
software program executed by a processor to process requests and  
responses from the user interface device;
- (d)     a client database for storage of the usage information relating to the  
automobile; and
- 16          (e)     a communication pathway electronically linking the system server to the user  
interface device.

          33.     The system of claim 32, wherein the at least one software program is executed by a  
processor to send information to a client.

21          34.     The system of claim 32, wherein the at least one software program is executed by a  
processor to compile and store information.

          35.     The system of claim 32, wherein the at least one software program is executed by a  
processor to generate reports.

26          36.     The system of claim 32, wherein the usage information comprises at least one  
member of the group comprising a current total distance driven, a business distance driven, a  
personal distance driven, and a client personal credit.